#### TROOPS JOIN PEASANT RAIDS.

AID THE PEOPLE IN SEIZING RUSSIAN ESTATES.

Uprising in the Agricultural Districts Now an Important Element in the Present Struggle-Count Witte Seems to Be Building on a Hopeless Foundation.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU LONDON, Nov. 25 .- We seem for the moment to be between the acts in the Russian drama. A great decisive element has, however, been introduced into the struggle, and the end can no longer be in doubt.

THE SUN'S St. Petersburg correspondent, telegraphing to-night, says the peasants' movement is rapidly transcending all other anxieties of the Government. News comes from every province that the peasants themselves have begun the distribution of landlords' estates. The writer has seen letters from the typical, orthodox, loyal agricultural province of Yaroslav, describing the attempt of the Governor to prevent invasions of private property, but wherever troops were sent the soldiers left their rifles and cartridge belts in the peasants' houses and joined them in marking out lots

into which estates were being divided.

This seems to settle the critical question of the attitude of the troops. There has been very little burning or violence, but the owners are helpless, and they have transferred their residences to large towns. Several governors of provinces have warned the Government that it will be impossible to restore the estates to their owners. The peasants only view of the Imperial Duma s that it must assign them all agricultural lands immediately on assembling.

Discussing the situation at the capital THE SUN'S St. Petersburg correspondent says Count Witte, who will not give up power unless he is compelled to and would even then seek to force his way back, has nothing to offer the masses. He can find nothing more to do than build a political machine for himself. He has appealed to the French Government to give him the fullest public support and this despite the fact that he has never shown personal friendliness to France. He has induced his Cabinet to put in a joint memorandum to the Czar making their retention of ber 30 being binding. That i the sick

Witte is also most active in creating the impression that he is indispensable to the middle community, who want neither militarism nor mob rule. This is beginning to bear fruit in the adhesious which have been coming to him for the last few days. Yet all the time he seems to be building on a hopeless foundation.

It is not an improvement of the old system that is demanded by the strongest force in Russia to-day. The masses are for outright collectivism. The reason we hear nothing of their leaders and much of their union of unions and federated groups is part of this ingrained idea that collectivism is the system for them. Russia has never shown any desire to develop along the line of the equality of opportunity, which has been the ideal of most Western political progress. The millions here are far more for sharing with each other when they can get the wherewithal to share.

The Russians are the most democratic people in the world. They have no innate deference for patrician caste or the successful man. The action of their strike leaders is based on the principle that their associations may be not only stronger but wiser than the individuals of which they are composed. Thus we get the amazing collection of unions which are being trained to common action against both the autocracy and the whole bureaucratic system.

#### MUTINEERS RULE SEVASTOPOL Governor Says He Is Powerless to Resist Sattors' Demands.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. SEVASTOPOL, Nov. 25 .- The sailors of the Black Sea fleet attempted to hold a meeting yesterday. Vice-Admiral Pisarevski ppeared on the scene and forbade the meeting, threatening to disperse any assemblage of that kind with the aid of troops who would fire on them if necessary. The sailors theraupon fired and wounded the

The sailors of the Black Sea fleet and the soldiers of the Brest-Litovsk regiment are now in a state of mutiny. The harbor men are joining them.

ODESSA, Nov. 25 .- The Black Sea mutineers have sent a black coffin to the Admiral of the fleet, with a warning to leave Sevastopol within three days. They have stopped all railway traffic. The situation is increasing in gravity hourly. Troops have been sent to Sevastopol from this place. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 25 .- The mutiny

at Sevastopol was similar in its beginning to the mutiny on board the battleship Kniaz Potemkin. It is said that the troops refused to attack

the mutineers when they came ashore. The Vice-Admiral in command of the squadron was wounded.

The Governor has reported to the Admiralty that in his present position he must accede to the sailors' demands. The agitation among the officers of the

infantry regiments in St. Petersburg against constant police duty is now unconcealed. The officers of four regiments have signed their names to a letter on the subject addressed to the Russ.

Don Cossacks to the number of sixty sotnias, about 8,000 men, have been mobilized. Their tradition is personal devotion to the Emperor. They will be posted

this winter near St. Petersburg. The Minister of Finance shows in his budget a deficit of 600,000,000 rubles, under the heading of extraordinary expenditures, which includes the maintenence of the

A ukase is published to-night abolishing the posts of Governor General of S. Petersburg. Assistant Minister of the Interior and Chief of Police, which were held until re-

cently by Gen. Trepoff. According to the latest despatches from Sevastopol the place is in a state of panic. Soldiers, sailors and workmen are parading

the streets carrying red flags.

Britain to Join in Jamestown Expesition. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 25.-President Tucker says he interviewed the Marquis of Lansdowne. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, last night and presented to him President Roosevelt's invitation to Great Britain to send a representation to the Jamestown (Va.). exposition of 1907. Lord Lansdowne cordially accepted the invitation.

Tagus Makes Successful Trip on New Line.

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 25 .- The steamship Tagus, the first of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new service between Southampton and New York by way of the West Indies, has returned from New York. The officers of the company said that the service is proving successful and will be

CHINA URGED TO BE LIBERAL. Newspapers Favor Granting Demands of Japan.

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sun Tokto, Nov. 25. The negotiations at Pekin between Baron Komura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and the Chin-se officials regarding Manchuria absorb general attention here. The special correspondent of the Kekumin at Pekin telegraphs that everything is proceeding smoothly. Some of the foreign ministers are urging China to pursue a strong policy, but the Pekin newspapers are in favor of dealing in a generous way with Japan, pointing out the advantages to China of Japan's .rlendship as against that of Europe and America-They argue that the terms offered by Baron Komura are entirely reasonable. China and Japan are the representative Asiatio races and should work in harmony.

The Hochi's correspondent reports that the Chinese Viceroys do not look with favor upon the proposition that China should buy the railway, as they believe that Japan would employ the purchase money to increase her armament.

Secretary Wilson of the American Legation here formally notified the Foreign Office this afternoon that the United States Legation to Japan had assumed charge of American diplomatic interests in Corea. A despatch from Seoul says that Marquis

Ito has entirely recovered from the slight injuries he received when a stone thrown by a Corean crashed through the window of a car in which he was riding the other day and the glass out his face. He will leave Seoul next Tuesday and will arrive here on December 8.

The Emperor has given his sanction to a grand ovation to Field Marshal Oyama when he arrives here on December 6. The entire Imperial Guards division of about 10,000 men will be drawn up to receive him In connection with the signing of the

treaty restoring relations between Russia and Japan, the Nichi Nichi reports that in addition to the mutual accrediting of new ministers imperial envoys will visit St. Petersburg and Tokio. Prince Fushima, in behalf of Japan, and the Grand Duke. Vladimir, representing Russia, will visit the respective capitals for the purpose of placing the two courts on their old friendly footing.

Indications of post-bellum finance appear office contingent on the manifesto of Octo- in the outlines of Government bills which are to be presented to the Diet. These provide for the withdrawal of the 180,000 yen that is to be used if the palace group should annual subsidy to the Japan Steamship persuade the Czar to repudiate the mani-Company's Bombay line, and substituting therefor services to Corea and China; an appropriation of 1,600,000 yen for telegraphs and telephones in Manchuria, Corea and Sakhalin, and the sale of the match monopoly to the Kobe-Osaka Match Trust for an annual royalty of 2,000,000 yen.

#### EASY TO DISPERSE BERLIN MOB. Well Trained and Not Alarmed by Socialists' Threats.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, Nov. 25.-The German Social Democratic party has been threatening to arrange revolutionary demonstrations in favor of a reform of the Prussian electorl law. The weekly review, Der Deutsche, in discussing this declares that a revolt

in Berlin is impossible.

The proposal to hold street demonstrations is of itself a criminal offence, but even if revolutionary or other undesirable demonstrations occurred they could be suppressed practically at once. The Berlin police have an elaborate scheme of mobilization for the suppression of a popular uprising at the Capitol which is as complete as the plan for the mobilization of an army in case of war.

The city is divided into a number of sections and the exact measures to be taken in each section are laid down with great precision. A revolutionary mob advancing on the imperial palace and government offices would find itself quickly split into a number of smaller forces, each surrounded within prearranged squares by troops and

The latter rehearse the plan of campaign whenever a festive event attracts immense crowdsto the center of the city. The crowds are dealt with and dispersed on the same plan which would be followed in case of an unlawful demonstration. Its efficiency has been demonstrated twice recently, on the occasions of the wedding of the crown Prince and the visit of the King of Spain.

### CHINA SENDS EGGS TO ENGLAND.

Supplying the Market Which Russia Is Losing Through Strikes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—It may seem strange that the Briton's breakfast table should be directly affected by the agrarian troubles in Russia, but such is the fact. The daily breakfast of the average Briton is bacon and eggs. Some hundred million of these breakfast eggs come annually from Russia. but the supply has now dropped. There are no peasants to collect the eggs, no carriers to take them to the stations and no trains to convey them to ships.

It is now suggested that China may take Russia's place as the egg provider for Great Britain. A furrier who was one of the last to escape from Port Arthur before the siege brought with him a consignment of Chinese eggs to London. His friends here appreciated them and asked for more. A firm secured another cons gnment from China which proved a success, and now has the eggs preserved by a secret process, which it is asserted keeps them good for

#### HAMBURG-AMERICAN CHARGES. Herr Ballin Gives His Side of the Row With the North German Lloyd.

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN. BERLIN, Nov. 25.—In connection with the withdrawal of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company from the transatlantic combination, Herr Ballin, the director general of that company, charges the North German Lloyd management with imitating his company in competing for the general traffic to Philadelphia, which had first been developed by the Hamburg-American. He also charges that, contrary to agreement, the North German company replied to the purchase by the Hamburg-American of a strangers' travel bureau at Berlin by establishing a competing bureau.

#### SPAIN'S PLAN FOR DEFENCE.

To Strengthen Fortifications in the Canary and Balearie Islands.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN MADRID, Nov. 25. In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Gen. Weyler, Minister of War, announced a bill to strengthen the defences of the coast of Galicia and of the Canary and Balearic Islands, and to increase the mountain artillery.

#### Cuba Withdraws Butter Case.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Nov. 25.—The case against Swift & Co., charged by the Cuban Government with selling oleomargarine as Brookfield butter, collapsed to-day. The Fis al withdrew the charge against the company for want of evidence. The agents of Swift & Co. brought a number of experts here from the United States to show that the butter was pure.

#### TEWKESBURY IN LONDON JAIL

BUCKETSHOP KEEPER CHARGED WITH PASSING BAD CHECK.

Left Debts of \$400,000 Here When He Disappeared After Flying High for Several Years—His Wife, Fermer Actress, Figured in Suit Against A. L. Barber.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Nov. 25 .- Lewis Green Tewkesbury, who is charged with obtaining \$125 means of a worthless check, was before the Bow Street Extradition Court to-day and was remanded. It is understood that the New York police want him.

The New York police, it was said last night, do not want Tewkesbury. He came here in 1888 from Manchester, N. H., where he ran a drug store. He opened a bucketshop, which in its day was the biggest thing of the kind, indulged his taste for the finest pacing and trotting horses and built a splendid house at 29 West Seventy-second street. Among his horses at one time were John R. Gentry and Robert J.

In 1895 the Consolidated Exchange suspended him for a year because it didn't approve of his financial methods. He sold

In 1895 the Consolidated Exchange suspended him for a year because it didn't approve of his financial methods. He sold his seat in 1897. Then his business went to pieces and he sold out, losing his Seventy-second street house, which was said to have cost \$600,000. He began business again down town, but in July, 1900, disappeared from New York, leaving debts aggregating \$400,000. He turned up first in Mexico and then went to London. There last May he issued a statement promising to settle with his creditors. Later he failed in London for \$25,000.

Tewkesbury's wife was a Western actress, Violet Aubrey Butler, whom he married in London on May 14, 1904. She was divorced from Butler, who was an Indian fighter and Confederate General. His first wife was Mrs. Mary Mills Greenhut, whom he married in 1899. They were divorced in 1902.

The present Mrs. Tewkesbury brought suit at the beginning of this year against Amzi L. Barber, president of the Barber Asphalt Company, to recover the amount of two drafts, one for \$2,916, the other for \$4.860, which she alleged he delivered to her on October 15, 1903, for a valuable consideration. When the drafts were presented for payment they weren't honored.

#### ROOT AIDS JEW FUND.

Sends a Check and a Letter to Arnold Kohn-\$827,579 Is Schiff's Total. The following letter was received yesterday by Arnold Kohn from Secretary of State Elihu Root:

My DEAR MR. KOHN: In response to your letter of November 22 I enclose a check for the fund now being raised for the relief of the unfortunate Jews who have been subjected to such dreadful cruelties in Russia. I do not see how any one can fall to sym-pathize deeply with them in their suffering and to hope that out of the present disorder and change in that country there may come better day of security and freedom for

We have little power to help them, but for some of the homeless and despoiled money may be helpful, and for some who are in despair the knowledge that there is friendliness and sympathy in the world may be an encouragement, and the expression of abhorrence and condemnation by the civilized world for the cruelties which have been practised may in time come to have some little restraining effect.

With the best wishes for your good work am Very sincerely yours,
ELIHU ROOT. At the State Bank, in Grand street, of which Mr. Kohn is president, \$13,539.38

had been received up to last night for relief of sufferers by the Russian massacres T e fund of which Jacob H. Schiff is treasurer was increased by \$29,515 yesterday and now amounts to \$827,579. A check for \$5,000 from J. Pierpont Morgan was the

largest single subscription received. Accompanying a check from President J. G. Schurman of Cornell University was

this letter addressed to Mr. Schiff: I enclose herewith my check for the fund in relief of the suffering Jews of Russia, whose terrible condition appeals to the universal heart of mankind.

Such an exhibition of bigotry, intolerance and racial hatred has seldom, if ever, dis-graced the history of mankind. And to crown the horrors of it the fiendish mob invoke the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who preached good will to men and founded a religion of love, compassion and human brotherhood. My prayer is that the Christians of America may in this Thanksgiving week remember compassion and help with generous contributions their sorely stricken Jewish brethren in Russia.

#### TYLER TELLS THEATRICAL PLANS Rostand Play for Miss Robson-Ellis

Jeffreys Coming Back. George C. Tyler, managing director for Liebler & Co., returned yesterday on the Lucania with a budget of theatri al news. His most important announ ement was that Edmond Rostand, the French dramatist, was at work on a play for Eleanor Robson, whi h will be ready for production next season. Miss Robson opens at Daly's on February 3 in a new play, the title of which has not yet been announced.

Ellis Jeffreys is coming back under the management of Liebler & Co. this season, and she opens here on January 22 next. She will have two plays to present. one called "The Hostess." by the author of "Cousin Kate," and "The Fascinating Mr. Vandervelt," by Alfred Sutro.

Mr. Vandervelt," by Alfred Sutro.
Mr. Tyler came back sooner than he intended. He was compelled to return to complete arrangements for Elsie Janis's début as a star in "The Vanderb t Cup," a new musical comedy. Eugene Presbrey, the dramatist, accompanied Mr. Tyler on his trip and returned with him. Presbrey was in poor health when he went away, but he is all right now.
"My agreement with M. Rostand is the culmination of a year's negotiations,"

culmination of a year's negotiations," said Mr. Tyler. "It was to close the matter with him that I went to Europe a month ago. When I arrived in Paris I found that M. Rostand was at his home at Cambo in the south of France and I went down there by automobile to see him. My interview with him was entirely satisfactory in every way and we very quickly reached an agree-

"At M. Rostand's own request Louis N. Parker, who made the English adaptation of 'L'Aiglon,' will also put this play into Eng-lish. I saw Mr. Parker in London and con-

lish. I saw Mr. Parker in London and con-cluded that arrangement with him.

"I have also purchased a new comedy entitled 'Sir Anthony' from Haddon Cham-bers, the author of 'The Tyranny of Tears' and other successes. Mr. Chambers will come over to stage this play, but I have not yet decided who will be the star of it."

#### Watch for Jerome Campaigner.

The members of the Hamilton Athletic Club, in Cherry street, gave a gold watch charm and fob to William S. McGuire last night. Mr. McGuire had charge of Mr. Jerome's campaign in the Second Assembly district and hired halls at his own expense. He founded the club. Ex-Assemblyman J. P. Burke made the presentation speech.

## Czar to Hear Polish Delegates.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
WARSAW, Nov. 25.—The Emperor will receive a Polish deputation to-morrow

#### Want to Arm Russian Jews.

An appeal for funds to buy arms for the Jews in Russia will be made at a mass meeting to be held in the Grand Central Pala e at 8 o'clock to-night. The Rev. Dr. Peters, Rabbi Silverman and others will

Store open until 10 o'clock Thanksgiving Eve.

Special Thanksgiving Offerings.

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HUMPERDINOK'S FAIRY OPERA HEARD AGAIN.

A Nursery Tale Treated Musically in the Wagnerian Fashion—A Huge Melodic Travesty-"Tannhauser" in the Evening

Engelbert Humperdinck is a tall, slender man with a bulging forehead, a drooping mustache and a chin beard trimmed down almost to imperial dimensions. He looks like a German professor of botany or chemistry or some equally peaceful and practical science. No one would suspect him of being a humorist of the first water, a parodist such as the world has seldom seen, a good natured carver of delectable burlesque-in short, an artist in the difficult art of making fun seriously.

But that is what he is, and it was demonstrated once again yesterday afternoon, when his "fairy opera" called "Hansel und Gretel" was performed for the first time in the Metropolitan Opera House. The composer had come all the way across the western ocean to be present at the production, and her esponded to the applause at the end of the second act and at the close of

the opera.
"Hänsel und Gretel" was given under the direction of Sir Augustus Harris and the conductorship of Anton Seidl at Daly's Theatre in the autumn of 1895, but it was not a success. The reasons for its failure have already been noted in this journal. Whether it will disclose its treasures to the public which patronizes Mr. Conried's huge establishment remains to be seen. "Hansel und Gretel" is apparently a simple work, but the truth is that its real merits do not lie upon the surface.

The story is one known to every child in Germany. It is one of their familiar fairy tales, their version of the "Babes in the Wood." Lansel and Gretel, brother and sister, are sent out to pick berries, are lost in the forest, are frightened by imaginary terrors, are guarded through the night by angels, and in the morning come to the dwelling of a witch, who lives in a gingerbread house and has many little boys and girls held in enchantment. She prepares to bake Gretel in her oven, but the children contrive to push her into the flames, and

thus her reign comes to an end. Where does Humperdinck's huge joke appear? Everywhere in his music. He was one of the Wagnerian coterie at Bayreuth. He used to ring the belis in "Parsifal" and he taught young Siegfried Wagner orchestration. He has the method of the Wagnerian music drama at his fingers' ends, and he utilized his knowledge to turn The atrocities of the Russian mob have out a score in which the whole machinery of the revered "Meister" is employed to

There are leading motives and orchestral depictions of the most imposing splendor, but the motives are all taken from German children's songs or are composed in their style, while the orchestral developments are built up in the magniloquent Wagner, an diction. The leading themes are not too numerous, and there is considerable free description composition.

On the other hand, over and over again On the other hand, over and over again the composer imitates Wagner in his most familiar strains. Melodic and harmonic se mences from "Die Meistersinger," "Tannhäiser," "Göterdänmerung," "Der Flieggende Holländer," and other works are recognizable. The laugh of the thine daughters springs upon us in thin disguise recognizable. The lange of the trime daughters springs upon us in thin disguise as the langh of the children, and the English horn interlude of the shepherd's song in "Tannhäuser" reapphars in portentous accents as the song of the dreadful old witch. This is a kind of joking that is not for every passerby. You have to know your Wagner to find the "Ride of the Vall yries" in the become ride of the witch, but it is

In the broom ride of the witch, but it is unmistakably there. You need to be ac-quainted with the children's songs of Germany to appreciate the piquancy of the contrasts provided by the juxtaposition of Gete's warblings at the beginning of the first and second acts with the imposing climaxes of instrumentation in which all the resources of the modern orchestra are called into play to sing the advent of dream called into play to sing the advent of dream angels and the awful vision of a picture

book witch.

There is another aspect of the work. however, which must not escape notice. Humperdinck has been completely successful in weaving a web of musical illusion around some of the scenes of the little play. The second act is in this respect masterly. The composer has created a genuine atmosphere of loneliness when the two children realize that they are lost in the wood, and the mystic, weird effect of the echo sung by a distant chorus is a veritable stroke of

The prayer of the children, as they lay The prayer of the children, as they lay them down to sleep, is lovely, and the building up of it in the dream music, so familiar to the concert platform in the days of Seidl, is superb. The two duets of the children in the third act are charming in their cheerful and simple melody. But it is hardly worth while to fill space with particularities. The whole score is delighthardly worth while to fill space with par-ticularizing. The whole score is delight-full and those who fail to discern the im-mense humor of the opera will find pleasure in its frank tunefulness and its rich in-

in its frank tunefulness and its rich instrumental texture.

Whether it is just the sort of work to offer to the audiences which patronize the Metropolitan Opera House will be decided by the public. It seems as if it might be disappointing to people trained to regard opera as an entertainment in which singers possessing great voices sing in a grand manner music built on a huge scale.

When these same people find themselves confronted with a purely comic opera, which offers only one male voice, and that a barytone, no love interest, no sentimental

a barytone, no love interest, no sentimental scenes, no passionate duets, none of the paraphernalia of the world of grand opera, they may possibly ask themselves ques-

However, this is a matter for future consideration. In the meantime the record of the performance stands. "Hänsel und of the performance stands. "Hansel und Gretel" apparently pleased yesterday afternoon's audience, which was composed chiefly of women and children. The principals concerned in the work were Lina Abarbanell as Hänsel, Bella Alten as Gretel, Marion Weed as Gertrude, the mother; Otto Goritz, as Peter, the father; Louise Homer as the Witch, Miss Mulford as the Scandman and Miss Glosville as the Den. Sandmann and Miss Glanville as the Dew-

man. There was not much in the shape of singing in the performance. Miss Abarbanell made a pleasing impression by her appearance as Hänsel, but the truth is that her impersonation had little to com-

"HAENSEL UND GRETEL" SUNG mend it beyond an archness of face. Mme. Homer presented a wonderful makeup as the Witch and delivered the music with a the Witch and delivered the music with a due appreciation of its character, which tends chiefly to shriliness. Miss Alten's Gretel was active, but mature. The scenic effects were by no means illusive. The glaring light that was thrown on the vision of angels robbed the picture of all mystery, and the wings of the angels were seemingly made of wood. The gingerbread house, on the other hand, was well painted, and the transformation of the gingerbread cakes into children was effectively accomplished.

cakes into children was effectively accomplished.

Alfred Hertz conducted the music, and he deserves credit for not forcing the tone of his orchestra; but he could have imparted a larger air of poetry to the climax of the second act, in which the splendor of the culmination of the score was not reached. On the whole "Hänsel und Gretel" is a peculiar product of Germany, which might perhaps make its point in a small theatre and in a tongue understanded of the people. In the big Metropolitan Opera House and in the original German much of it evaporates. But the huge orchestration—in a little house? Jamais, jamais, as they say in Meyerbeer.

"Tännhauser" was given last night and was made the occasion of the appearance of another of the minor sopranos to whom Mr. Conried is now intrusting leading rôles. The singer's name is Mme. Jomelli, and she appeared as Elizabeth. Her intonation was good and the quality of her voice agreeable. There was, however, nothing in her style to justify immediate hope that she will fill the void left by departed representatives of the saintly maid of the Wartburg.

Miss Fremstad made her first appearance of the season as Venus, a rôle in which she offers some excellent art. Mr. Knote was an admirable Tannhauser, and the other principal persons were Mr. Van Rooy as Wolfram and Mr. Blass as the Landgrave.

#### A MACDOWELL CLUB.

To Study the Music and Spread the Ideas of the Composer.

Lovers of the music of E. A. MacDowell have formed a "MacDowell Club." The members set forth their aim as the organization of an effort "to study, faithfully interpret and promulgate the tendencies and ideals embodied in the compositions and known sesthetic convictions of I'dward MacDowell." They will meet on selected dates to hear performances of his compositions as well as those of gifted composers with kindred aims and ideals whose works are not as yet widely known.

They will discuss the generic principles and vital motives of the correlated artsmusic, literature, painting, sculpture, architecture and criticism; a correlation felt declared, and championed by Mr. Mac-Dowell. They will arrange for and manage at least one annual public concert, soloists to be selected from the club membership. if possible, and the proceeds to be held as a fund for the ultimate establishment of a rermanent club home and for the promul-

gation of the arts. gation of the arts.

The following persons have signified their willingness to serve as an advisory board to the club: John W. Alexander, John Burroughs, Henry T. Finck, Daniel C. French, Henry Fuller, Philip Hale, Mrs. John L. Gardner, Hamlin Garland, Richard Watson Gilder, Mrs. Ben Ali Haggin, Henry L. Higginson, W. D. Howells, Seth Low, Robert Underwood Johnson, Frederick Macmonnies, William Mason, Mrs. Howard Mansfield, Charles McKim, Wassily Safonoff, Augustus St. Gaudens, Templeton Strong and Ower Wister.

The first regular meeting of the club will take place on Tuesday evenir g, December 5, in room 708, Carnegie Hall.

RING OPERAS TO BE HEARD. Beginning With "Das Rheingold" on the

Afternoon of Christmas Day. The dates for the first performances of the Nibelungen Ring at the Metropolitan were announced yesterday. The first series will begin on the afternoon of Christmas day "Das Rheingold" will then be sung by a cast to include Mmes. Fremstad or Homer, Weed or Rappold, Edith Walker, Marion Weed Paula Ralph, Andreas Dippel or Aloys Burgstaller, Otto Goritz, Anton Van Rooy Jacques Bars and Marcel Journet. The re formance will begin at 2 o'clock. "Die Walkure" will be sung on Wednesday December 27, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, by a cast to include Mmes. Nordica or Walker, Emma Eames or Olive Fremstad, Louise Homer, Bella Alten, Aloys Burgstaller,

Anton Van Roov and Otto Goritz. "Siegfried" will be given on Thursday December 28, beginning at the same hour December 28, beginning at the same hour. The principal singers will be Lillian Nordica, Lella Alten, Edyth Walker, Anton Van Rooy, Robert Blass and Albert Reiss. "Götterdänmerung" will end the series on December 29. In it the leading performers will be Lillian Nordica, Marion Weed, Louise Homer, Bella Alten, Alois Burgstaller or Heinrich Knote and Anton Muhlmann. Muhlmann.

All these performances will be under the direction of Alfred Hertz. Mrs. Dore Lyon to Be Starred.

The Century Theatre Club will give its first dramatic performance this season at Carnegie Lyceum December 7, when Mrs. Doré Lyon will be starred as a playwright and actress. There will be three one act plays, Mrs. Lyon's dramatization of "The Bishop's Son," "Madame La Marquise," also by Mrs. Lyon, and "Solving of Prob-lems," by Mrs. Sallie W. Holcombe.

#### News of Plays and Players.

The People's Institute has arranged with Ben Greet for an extra week of performances of his Shakespearian plays at Mendelssohn Hall, at which special rates will be given to pupils in the public schools and to working people attending classes or clubs of the People's Institute. Arrangements have been made with other managers in the past, and the response from the people, especially from teachers and pupils in the public schools, has been most encouraging.

B. F. Keith yesterday closed a contract with Miss Maud White, formerly leading woman of the "The Prince Chap" company, woman of the "The Prince Chap" company, whereby she will make a tour of the Keith vaudeville circuit, presenting a one act play entitled "Locked Out at 3 A. M."

A dele Ritchie, who is resting and treating a sore throat at Atlantic City, wrote to theatrical friends yesterday saying that she expected to resume her vaudeville engagements on December 11 at Procet's Fitzermants on December 11 at Procet's Fitzermants. ments on December 11 at Proctor's Fifty-

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ROCK ISLAND TO THE GULF. Consolidation of Three Subsidiary Con

panies Shows the Way. That the Rock Island system is soon to nave an outlet to the Gulf of Mexico is shown by the recent consolidation under the name of the Rock Island, Arkansas and Louisiana Railroad of three of the company's subsidiaries in Arkansas and Louisiana. The new company is capitalized under the laws of Arkansas, with \$15,000,000 of stock. The three companies consolidated were the Little Rock and Southern, the Arkansas Southern, recently acquired by the Rock Island, and the Arkansas Southern Exten

sion Company.

The Little Rock and Southern is under construction from a point on the Rock Island lines at Traskwood, Ark., southeast to Crossett, 107 milee, with a branch thirtyfive miles long from Summerville to Eldorado, where connection is made with the Arkansas Southern, extending to Winnfield, La., 101 miles. Under the charter of the Arkansas Southern Extension Company an extension is being built from Winnfield to Alexandria, which is on the Red River not far from its confluence with the Mississippi. The articles of incorporation permit the company to operate from Alexandria to a point on the Mississippi River, to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, to the western boundary of the State and directly south to the Gulf of Mexico.

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All of the big railroad systems in the Middle West are either getting outlets to the Gulf or increasing the facilities they already have, partly because of the growth of grain export business by way of the Guil. The Colorado Southern, which is extending toward the Guil, and the Kansas City Southern, which already reaches Port Arthur, Tex., both will in time, it is generally believed, become the property of leading to the colorador. believed, become the property of larger systems. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, it is thought in some quarters, is now being purchased by the Burlington. Chairman B.C. Rouse of the M., K. & T., said yesterday

that the Texas Southern, a seventy mile railroad, which has been in receivers' hands, will be purchased in January and that during the coming year several important extensions will be built.



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